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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ICAO - ISRAEL REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF ORLY INCIDENTS

REF: A) MONTREAL 115; B) MONTREAL 0127

1. PURSUANT TO PARA 3 OF REFTTEL (A) WORKING PAPER NOW DISTRIBUTED (CWP-6122 "RESTRICTED"). TEXT TRANSMITTED HEREUNDER, INCLUDING APPENDIX A. APPENDIX B IS TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN MINTRANSPORT AND PRES/COUNCIL TRANSMITTED IN REFTTEL (B).

QUOTE:

SUBJECT: UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION AND ITS FACILITIES. REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISRAEL (PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL).

1. I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO ICAO THE COMMUNICATION REPRODUCED IN APPENDIX A. ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT HE REQUESTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 54(N) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, THAT THE MATTER MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNICATION BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE PRESENT COMMITTEE PHASE. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT ISRAEL INTENDS TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL A PAPER CONTAINING A NEW LIST OF POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION BY ICAO AND STATES. ONCE THIS PAPER IS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED, I SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS TO DETERMINE THE DATE WHEN THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE REQUEST.

2. APPENDIX B TO THE PRESENT PAPER REPRODUCES THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM I RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ON 14 JAN 1975, AND THE TEXT OF MY REPLY OF THE FOLLOWING DAY. REGARDING THE COPY OF TWO NOTES ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL, THESE WILL APPEAR AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE PAPER WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BY ISRAEL. 3. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 53 OF THE CONVENTION, I SHALL INVITE ISRAEL TO BE REPRESENTED DURING THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE: APPENDIX A. MONTREAL, JANUARY 20, 1975. MR. WALTER BINAGHI, CHAIRMAN/COUNCIL, ICAO. SIR, M I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPLY TO HIS TELEGRAM OF 14 JANUARY 1975, IN WHICH YOU OUTLINED EXISTING ICAO ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY.

2. LESS THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE ARAB TERRORIST ASSAULT AT PARIS ORLY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF THAT TELEGRAM, INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON A SIMILAR ATTACK AT THE SAME AIRPORT. THIS TIME, TOO, AN EL AL AIRCRAFT ABOUT TO TAKE OFF WAS FIRED UPON BY ARAB GUNMEN FROM THE BALCONY OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING. FORTUNATELY A GRAVE DISASTER WHICH COULD HAVE COST THE LIVES OF 143 PASSENGERS ON THE BOARD THE AIRCRAFT, THE CREW OF THE AIRLINER AND OTHER AVIATION SERVICE PERSONNEL, WAS PREVENTED AT THE NICK OF TIME. IN VIEW OF THIS DANGEROUS RENEWAL OF CRIMINAL ASSAULTS BY ARAB TERRORISTS AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL BELIEVES THAT URGENT ACTION BY ICAO IS CALLED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PREVENT A FURTHER ESCALATION OF SUCH ACTIVITY AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. 3. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 54(N) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, THAT THIS MATTER BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT RULE 21 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, I HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THAT IT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE PRESENT COMMITTEE STAGE OF ITS 84TH SESSION. MY AUTHORITIES

ARE PREPARING, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, A NEW LIST OF
POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION BY ICAO AND MEMBER STATES, IN ADDITION
TO THE ACTION PROGRAMME WHICH WAS PROPOSED BY ISRAEL AT THE
SEVENTEENTH SESSION (EXTRAORDINARY) OF THE ASSEMBLY (A17-WP/13).
4. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD REQUEST YOU, THAT THIS NOTE, THE
EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE CONTENTS OF THE ATTACHED
COPY OF TWO NOTES ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
OF THE UN BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AS BACK-
GROUND MATERIAL FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM. ACCEPT,
SIR, THE ASSURANCESSIGNED ARIEL P. ARAN, CONSUL GENERAL
OF ISRAEL, REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO. UNQUOTEV HARPER UNQUOTE
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